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Welcome to the Carson City District of the Bureau of Land Management. The district's diverse terrain encompasses mountains and deserts and is home for a wealth of wildlife. Listed are the amphibian and reptile species most likely to be found in the district, but keep in mind that occurrences of species not listed are possible.

To make the most of a visit to the public lands, take along a field guide to western amphibians and reptiles. A map of the area is available at the district office in Carson City or at any Nevada BLM office.

This list was compiled with the assistance of the Nevada State Museum biology department, the University of Nevada, Reno, and through reference to *Amphibians and Reptiles of the Pacific Coast and the Great Basin*, by John Van Denburgh and *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Reptiles and Amphibians*, 1979.

*Italicized* common names indicate federal listing, or candidate listing, for threatened or endangered status.

## AMPHIBIANS

### SALAMANDERS

#### **Southern long-toed salamander**

*Ambystoma macrodactylum sigillatum*

Found in rotted wood, under rocks, in shaded areas and near water in the Sierra Nevada.

#### **Sierra Nevada salamander**

*Ensatina eschscholtzi platensis*

Found under rotten logs, bark and rocks in shaded forested areas in the Sierra Nevada.

### SPADEFOOT TOADS

#### **Great Basin spadefoot** *Scaphiopus intermontanus*

A widespread species found in sagebrush flats and piñon-juniper woodlands.



## TRUE TOADS

### **Boreal toad** *Bufo boreas boreas*

A common garden toad found in higher valleys and meadows near water.

### **California toad** *Bufo boreas halophilus*

Similar to the boreal toad, this subspecies is found in the western part of the district.

## TREEFROGS

### **Pacific treefrog**

*Hyla regilla*

A widespread species found in varied habitats such as ditches, meadows, slow streams and ponds.



## TRUE FROGS

### **Red-legged frog** *Rana aurora*

A species probably introduced to Nevada and found in marshes, ponds and quiet, permanent waters.



### **Bullfrog** *Rana catesbeiana*

Found in ponds, marshes and quiet, permanent water.

### **Northern leopard frog** *Rana pipiens*

A widely distributed species with highly varied habitats.

### **Spotted frog** *Rana pretiosa*

An uncommon, highly aquatic species found in the vicinity of cold, permanent water and probably limited to the eastern part of the district.

### **Mountain yellow-legged frog** *Rana muscosa*

Found in streams of the woodlands and forests along the western edge of the district.







## TURTLES

### **Northwestern pond turtle**

*Clemmys marmorata marmorata*

An uncommon species found in the Truckee and Carson rivers.

## REPTILES

### LIZARDS

#### **Desert banded gecko**

*Coleonyx variegatus variegatus*

The extreme southern part of the district.

#### **Western chuckwalla** *Sauromalus obesus obesus*

The extreme southern part of the district.

#### **Long-nosed leopard lizard**

*Gambelia wislizenii wislizenii*

A widely distributed subspecies found in open brushy areas and bunchgrass.

#### **Collared lizard** *Crotaphytus collaris*

Locally abundant on sparsely vegetated, dry, rocky slopes.

#### **Zebra-tailed lizard**

*Callisaurus draconoides*

A widely distributed lizard found in sandy deserts among low-growing shrubs, washes and open areas with small rocks.



#### **Northern side-blotched lizard**

*Uta stansburiana stansburiana*

A widespread subspecies found in sandy washes, rocks and low-growing shrubs.



## Northern sagebrush lizard

*Sceloporus graciosus*

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Found near sagebrush and piñon-juniper.



## Great Basin fence lizard

*Sceloporus occidentalis biseriatus*

A widespread subspecies found in a variety of habitats and often seen on rocks, logs, fence posts and old buildings.

## Desert spiny lizard *Sceloporus magister*

A widespread species with a wide variety of habitats such as shadscale desert, juniper woodlands, willows and cottonwoods.

## Desert horned lizard *Phrynosoma platyrhinos*

Commonly called a "horny toad," this widespread species is found along washes and sand dunes and in sandy portions of arid areas.

## Western skink *Eumeces skiltonianus*

A widely distributed species found in rocky habitats near sagebrush, piñon-juniper and grass.

## Great Basin whiptail *Cnemidophorus tigris tigris*

A widespread subspecies found in areas of open vegetation in varied habitats.

## Sierra alligator lizard

*Gerrhonotus coeruleus palmeri*

Found in the Sierra Nevada.

# SNAKES

## BOAS

### Rocky Mountain rubber boa

*Charina bottae utahensis*

A widespread subspecies found near woodlands and forests in rotting logs, under rock and downed trees, in meadows and along streams.

## COLUBRIDS

### Western yellow-bellied racer

*Coluber constrictor mormon*

A widespread subspecies found in open areas, meadows and along streams, but absent from very dry areas.





**Red racer** *Masticophis flagellum piceus*

A widespread subspecies found in varied habitats--desert, brushland, woodland and farmland.

**Desert striped whipsnake**

*Masticophis taeniatus taeniatus*

A widespread subspecies found in brushland, grass-land, sagebrush and piñon-juniper areas along streams.

**Mojave patch-nosed snake**

*Salvadora hexalepis mojavensis*

A widespread subspecies found near sagebrush and desert shrubs.

**Great Basin gopher snake**

*Pituophis melanoleucus deserticola*

A widespread subspecies found in varied habitats from lowlands to mountains.



**California kingsnake**

*Lampropeltis getulus californiae*

Widespread in varied habitats.

**Western long-nosed snake**

*Rhinocheilus lecontei lecontei*

A widespread subspecies found in deserts and brushlands, but seldom found in the mountains.

**Valley garter snake** *Thamnophis sirtalis fitchi*

Found along the western edge of the district near ponds, ditches, meadows, farms and city lots.

**Mountain garter snake** *Thamnophis elegans elegans*

Found in the mountains along the California/Nevada state line.

**Wandering garter snake**

*Thamnophis elegans vagrans*

A widespread subspecies usually found near streams and ponds.

**Sierra garter snake** *Thamnophis couchi couchi*

Found in the Sierra Nevada region.

**Ground snake** *Sonora semiannulata*

Widespread in sandy areas in the district.

**Desert night snake** *Hypsiglena torquata deserticola*

Widespread throughout the sagebrush flats and foot-





hills of the district.

**Western leaf-nosed snake**

*Phyllorhynchus decurtatus perkinsi*

The extreme southern part of Mineral County.

**Nevada shovel-nosed snake** *Chionactis occipitalis talpina*

Found in the southern parts of Mineral and Nye counties.

**Utah black-headed snake**

*Tantilla planiceps utahensis*

The extreme southern part of Mineral County.

**California lyre snake**

*Trimorphodon biscutatus vandenburghi*

The extreme southern part of Mineral County and areas near Mono Lake.

**VIPERS**

**Panamint rattlesnake** *Crotalus mitchelli stephensi*

A poisonous subspecies found in the extreme southern part of the district.

**Mojave Desert sidewinder** *Crotalus cerastes cerastes*

A poisonous subspecies found in sandy areas of southern Mineral County.

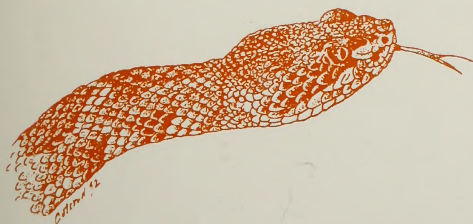
**Northern Pacific rattlesnake**

*Crotalus viridis oreganus*

A poisonous Sierra Nevada subspecies.

**Great Basin rattlesnake** *Crotalus viridis lutosus*

A widespread poisonous subspecies with varied habitats.



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